WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

A monomer having a structural formula selected
 from the group consisting of

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$$CH_3$$
 CH_2 $CHCH_2$ CH_3 $CHCH_2$ C

wherein n represents an integer from 4 to about 10,

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$$CH_3$$
 $CHCH_2$ CH_3 $CHCH_3$ $CHCH_2$ CH_3 $CHCH_3$ $CHCH_3$

wherein n represents an integer from 0 to about 10 and wherein m represents an integer from 0 to about 10, with the proviso that the sum of n and m is at least 4;

10 wherein R and R' can be the same or different and represent allyl groups or alkoxy groups containing from about 1 to about 10 carbon atoms;

CH₃

$$CH_2$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

wherein n represents an integer from 1 to about 10, and wherein R and R' can be the same or different and represent alkyl groups containing from about 1 to about 10 carbon atoms;

(e)
$$CH_3$$

$$C \longrightarrow CH_2$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$C \longrightarrow CH_2$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$C \longrightarrow CH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$C \longrightarrow CH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

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wherein m represents an integer from 1 to about 10 and wherein m represents an integer from 4 to about 10;

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$$CH_{2}$$

CHCH₂

CHCH₂
 CH_{3}
 $CHCH_{2}$
 $CHCH_{2}$
 CH_{3}
 $CHCH_{2}$
 $CHCH_{2}$

wherein x represents an integer from about 1 to about 10, wherein n represents an integer from 0 to about 10 and wherein m represents an integer from 0 to about 10, with the proviso that the sum of n and m is at least 4;

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

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wherein R represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group containing from 1 to about 10 carbon atoms, wherein n represents an integer from 0 to about 10, and wherein m represents an integer from 0 to about 10, with the proviso that the sum of n and m is at least 4; and

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$$CH_3$$
 CH_2
 CH_3
 CH_2
 CH_3
 CH_2
 C

wherein n represents an integer from 0 to about 10, wherein m represents an integer from 0 to about 10, wherein x represents an integer from 1 to about 10, and wherein y represents an integer from 1 to about 10.

2. A monomer as specified in claim 1 wherein the monomer is of the structural formula:

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3. A monomer as specified in claim 1 wherein the monomer is of the structural formula:

$$CH_3$$
 $C = CH_2$
 $CHCH_2$
 CH_3
 $CHCH_2$

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10 4. A monomer as specified in claim 1 wherein the monomer is of the structural formula:

CH₃

$$CH_2$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$R'$$

5. A monomer as specified in claim 1 wherein the monomer is of the structural formula:

CH₃

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

6. A monomer as specified in claim 1 wherein the monomer is of the structural formula:

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$$CH_{2}$$
 $CHCH_{2}$
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7. A monomer as specified in claim 1 wherein the monomer is of the structural formula:

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

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$$CHCH_2$$

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$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

$$CHCH_2$$

$$CH_3$$

25 8. A monomer as specified in claim 1 wherein the monomer is of the structural formula:

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$$CH_{2}$$

$$CHCH_{2}$$

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- 9. A monomer as specified in claim 2 wherein n represents the integer 4.
 - 10. A monomer as specified in claim 2 wherein n represents the integer 6.
- 20 11. A monomer as specified in claim 5 wherein m represents the integer 4.

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- 12. A monomer as specified in claim 5 wherein m represents the integer 6.
- 13. A monomer as specified in claim 11 wherein n represents the integer 1.
- 14. A monomer as specified in claim 11 wherein n 30 represents the integer 2.
 - 15. A monomer as specified in claim 11 wherein n represents the integer 3.